

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending and presented for examination in this application. In an Office Action dated March 16, 2007 claims 1-8 were rejected. Applicants address the Examiner's comments below. Applicants are amending claims 1-3 and 5-7 in this Amendment and Response and are canceling claims 4 and 8. Applicants are adding new claims 9-18. These changes do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. In making these amendments, Applicants do not concede that the subject matter of such claims was in fact disclosed or taught by the cited references. Rather, Applicants reserve the right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission. In view of the Amendments herein and the Remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections, and withdraw them.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 102(e) in View of Barrera

In the 7th paragraph of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-8 under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,567,800 B1 to Barrera ("Barrera"). This rejection is now traversed.

Representative claim 5, as amended, recites:

A method for displaying information from the Internet comprising:
generating a plurality of content modules, each content module comprising a subset of content of at least one web site;
storing the content modules in a content module data directory;
receiving a query;
selecting, based on the query, a relevant subject category identifier, wherein the subject category identifier is associated with a content module;

displaying on a first region of a display screen, a list of information relating to the plurality of retrieved web sites; and

displaying on a second region of said display screen, said subset of content of a web site from at least one content module associated with the relevant subject category identifier selected based on the query.

The claimed invention generates content modules and stores the content modules in a directory. Each content module comprises a subset of the content of a web site. When a query is received, a relevant subject category identifier is selected based on the query. The subject category identifier is associated with a content module. Information relating to the plurality of retrieved websites and content of a web site from at least one content module are displayed.

Barrera does not disclose *receiving a query and selecting, based on the query, a subject category identifier relevant to the query*. Barrera discloses searching information stored on a network. A category selection is first received from a user (FIG. 1, step 304) and a content search request is then received to search content of the web pages corresponding to the selected category. (FIG. 1, step 305, col. 5 lines 33-35). Barrera discloses only matching website content to a query and does not disclose selecting a subject category identifier based on a query. Instead the subject category must be first selected based on a user input and only web page content, not subject categories, are searched. (See, for example, Barrera, col.5 lines 1-11) Therefore, the claim is not anticipated by Barrera because Barrera does not disclose every claim limitation.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method for displaying information comprising:

generating a plurality of content modules, each content module comprising a subset of content of a web site;

storing the content modules in a content module data directory, the content module data directory arranged in a data tree hierarchy having a plurality of

tree nodes, wherein each tree node comprises a pointer to a content module and each node is associated with a subject category identifier;

receiving a query;

retrieving a plurality of URLs of web sites, the web sites having content satisfying criteria of the query;

selecting, based on the query, at least one matching subject category identifier;

retrieving a first content module from the content module directory, the first content module associated with the matching subject category identifier;

retrieving a second content module from the content module directory by traversing up or down the data tree hierarchy starting from a matching node associated with the matching subject category identifier; and

displaying information relating to the plurality of retrieved web sites and displaying said subset of content of a web site from said first and second content modules on a display screen.

Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Barrera for at least the reasons provided above. Furthermore, the claim includes additional patentably distinct elements. For example, claim 1 requires, in part, that the content module data directory is *arranged in a data tree hierarchy having a plurality of tree nodes, wherein each tree node comprises a pointer to a content module and each node is associated with a subject category identifier*. The method retrieves a first content module associated with a matching subject category identifier and retrieves a second content module by traversing up or down the hierarchy starting from the matching node.

Barrera discloses a different method for retrieving content for display. Barrera discloses that “a content search on the stored website content that is correlated with the selected category is then performed (Step 306). The results of this category-content search are sent to the user (step 307).” (Barrera, col. 4 lines 58-65). Barrera therefore only searches and returns content for web sites within a user-selected category and does not traverse up or down a data tree hierarchy to obtain additional content modules as required by the claim.

The dependent claims, 2-3, 6-7, and 9-18 incorporate all the limitations of their respective base claims and are therefore not anticipated by Barrera for at least the same reasons discussed above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and withdraw them.

Conclusion

In sum, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-18 as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration of the basis for the rejections to these claims and request allowance of them.

In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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